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reply. Please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

composition comprising:

<u> (amended) A microencapsulated or enteric coated</u>

mixture of sorbents with specific adsorption affinities for uremic toxins wherein the sorbents possess a gut

clearance rate for urea of at least 5.6 ml/minute; and

(b) a bacterial source which metabolizes urea and ammonia.

(amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein sorbents 2. of the mixture have specific adsorption affinities for ammonia, urea, creatinine, phenols, indoles, and middle weight molecules wherein the middle weight molecules are uremic toxins.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.